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CATTLE ON FEED

On November 1, 2003, Arizona had 278,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 4 percent from a year ago, but up 1 percent from last month. Placements totaled 26,000 head, down 2,000 from October 2002. During October, 22,000 head were marketed, 3,000 fewer than last October.

On November 1, 2003, California had 495,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 1 percent from last year and up 2 percent from last month. Placements totaled 68,000 head, up 8,000 from last year. During October, 54,000 head were marketed, down 4,000 head from last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on November 1, 2003. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 2002, but 7 percent below November 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.78 million, 16 percent above 2002 and 3 percent above 2001. Net placements were 2.68 million. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 1.02 million, 600-699 pounds were 796,000, 700-799 pounds were 508,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 454,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.86 million, 6 percent below 2002 and 2 percent below 2001. Other disappearance totaled 101,000 during October, 20 percent above 2002 and 49 percent above 2001.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS) OCTOBER 1, 2003 AND NOVEMBER 1, 2002 AND 2003, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS, AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE OCTOBER 2002 AND 2003 BY STATE AND UNITED STATES

STATE	Number on Feed 1/					Placements			Marketings			Other Disappearance		
	Nov 1, 2002	Oct 1, 2003	Nov 1, 2003			During October			During October			During October 2/		
			Number	as % of 2002	as % of Oct	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
AZ	290	275	278	96	101	28	26	93	25	22	88	1	1	100
CA	490	485	495	101	102	60	68	113	58	54	93	7	4	57
CO	1,060	950	1,050	99	111	250	270	108	210	160	76	10	10	100
ID	295	270	295	100	109	77	88	114	61	60	98	1	3	300
IA	335	310	350	104	113	95	113	119	73	72	99	2	1	50
KS	2,300	2,300	2,430	106	106	455	570	125	410	410	100	25	30	120
NE	2,110	1,830	2,140	101	117	520	640	123	360	320	89	10	10	100
NM	117	123	118	101	96	22	19	86	16	20	125	2	4	200
OK	340	350	350	103	100	75	78	104	63	74	117	2	4	200
SD	170	145	177	104	122	57	68	119	36	34	94	1	2	200
TX	2,730	2,720	2,840	104	104	600	680	113	570	530	93	20	30	150
WA	185	190	195	105	103	49	51	104	33	45	136	1	1	100
Other														
Sts	320	265	320	100	121	101	110	109	64	54	84	2	1	50
US	10,742	10,213	11,038	103	108	2,389	2,781	116	1,979	1,855	94	84	101	120

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

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COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.15 billion pounds in October, down 5 percent from the 4.38 billion pounds produced in October 2002. October 2002 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. October 2003 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.21 billion pounds, was 12 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.00 million head, down 8 percent from October 2002. The average live weight was down 39 pounds from the previous year, at 1,231 pounds.

Veal production totaled 16.4 million pounds, 13 percent below October a year ago and a record monthly low. Calf slaughter totaled 87,500 head, down 13 percent from October 2002. The average live weight was unchanged last year, at 308 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.91 billion pounds, a record monthly high and up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.64 million head, 3 percent above October 2002. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 267 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 18.0 million pounds, was down 9 percent from October 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 265,500 head, 12 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year ago.

January to October 2003 commercial red meat production was 39.1 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: ARIZONA AND U.S. 1/

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CLASS	October 2002	September 2003	October 2003	October 2003 as % of 2/	
				October 2002	September 2003
1,000 Lbs			Percent		
ARIZONA 3/					
Total Red Meat	38,600	36,000	34,200	89	95
UNITED STATES					
Million Lbs			Percent		
Beef	2,512	2,312	2,211	88	96
Veal	19	15	16	87	106
Pork	1,831	*1,663	1,909	104	115
Lamb and Mutton	20	17	18	91	106
Total Red Meat	4,382	4,008	4,154	95	104

* Revised.

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Breakdown by class not available; includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER: ARIZONA, OCTOBER 2003 AND U.S., JANUARY-OCTOBER 2003 1/

SPECIES	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	October			January-October		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight 2/	Number Slaughtered	Total Dressed Weight 3/	Average Live Weight 2/
	1,000 Head	1,000 Lbs	Lbs	1,000 Head	Million Lbs	Lbs
Cattle	44.5	60,146	1,352	30,359.7	22,483	1,230
Calves 4/				826.2	158	317
Hogs	0.2	52	251	82,846.7	16,329	266
Sheep	0.1	11	107	2,475.9	165	133

1/ Includes slaughter under federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Average liveweights based on unrounded data.

3/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

4/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations, but included in U.S. total.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 20 major States during October totaled 12.0 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from October 2002. September revised production, at 11.6 billion pounds, was down 5 million pounds from September 2002. The September revision represented an increase of 2 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,550 pounds for October, 11 pounds above October 2002.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 70,000 head less than October 2002, and 25,000 head less than September 2003.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, OCTOBER 2002-2003

STATE	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2002
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
AZ	150	150	1,750	1,790	263	269	2.3
CA	1,664	1,702	1,760	1,710	2,929	2,910	-0.6
FL	147	140	1,110	1,080	163	151	-7.4
ID	391	413	1,760	1,820	688	752	9.3
IL	115	108	1,430	1,450	164	157	-4.3
IN	147	144	1,435	1,490	211	215	1.9
IA	208	198	1,480	1,520	308	301	-2.3
KY	120	110	1,025	1,025	123	113	-8.1
MI	300	297	1,650	1,690	495	502	1.4
MN	480	465	1,390	1,425	667	663	-0.6
MO	136	126	1,120	1,200	152	151	-0.7
NM	305	318	1,750	1,745	534	555	3.9
NY	676	665	1,485	1,455	1,004	968	-3.6
OH	262	259	1,410	1,420	369	368	-0.3
PA	591	562	1,495	1,455	884	818	-7.5
TX	310	311	1,350	1,450	419	451	7.6
VT	153	147	1,425	1,450	218	213	-2.3
VA	119	110	1,260	1,225	150	135	-10.0
WA	247	244	1,870	1,885	462	460	-0.4
WI	1,268	1,250	1,410	1,450	1,788	1,813	1.4
20-State Total	7,789	7,719	1,539	1,550	11,991	11,965	-0.2

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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NOVEMBER FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 4 POINTS FROM LAST MONTH

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November is 117, based on 1990-92=100, 4 points (3.5 percent) above the October Index. Both the Livestock and Products Index and the All Crops Index were higher in November. Producers received higher commodity prices for cattle, corn, soybeans, and wheat. Lower prices were received for cotton, hogs, and milk. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of all milk, cotton, cattle, and cottonseed offset decreased marketings of peanuts, soybeans, sunflowers, and potatoes.

This preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 20 points (20.6 percent) from November 2002. The Food Commodities Index increased 5 points (4.3 percent) above last month to 121, and is 25 points (26.0 percent) above November 2002. This index value is the highest since records began in 1975.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The November Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 130 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from October but 5 points (4.0 percent) above November 2002. Lower prices in November for feeder cattle, hay and forages, gasoline, and feeder pigs are offset by higher prices for feed grains, feed concentrates, feed supplements, and nitrogen fertilizers.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., NOVEMBER 2002 AND 2003 AND OCTOBER 2003

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		November 2002 Entire Month	October 2003 Entire Month	November 2003 Mid-Month	November 2002 Entire Month	October 2003 Entire Month	November 2003 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	49.1	70.4	2/	41.9	68.0	64.1
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	136.00	158.00	146.00	100.00	104.00	121.00
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	4.25	3.45	3.69
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	4.53	3.90	3.76
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	4.16	3.37	3.64
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	102.00	83.00	83.00	93.60	84.40	80.70
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	103.00	83.00	83.00	101.00	88.80	88.00
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	92.00	85.00	80.00	75.40	71.40	64.90
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	13.30	3/	14.10	14.80	18.70	16.40
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	34.60	26.30	24.70	34.20	25.50	25.20
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	22.40	3/	3/	19.60	15.70	18.70
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	27.60	3/	29.90	27.80	17.60	23.00
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	33.00	42.40	42.90	33.00	44.90	46.70
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	71.00	92.10	88.90	72.00	97.80	99.70
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	70.60	91.60	88.40	67.60	92.00	93.20
Calves	\$ Cwt	94.60	109.00	106.00	88.20	113.00	112.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	11.40	14.50	14.60	11.80	15.00	14.90

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

2/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

3/ Not available for Arizona.

4/ Mid-month.

5/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons 76 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs.

6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

7/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

8/ Preliminary; before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

U.S. PRICE INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	2002		2003	
	October	November	October	November
Prices Received	95	97	113	117
Prices Paid	125	125	130	130
Ratio 1/	76	78	87	90

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.